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In the application of

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For Waist Belt for Supporting Disposable Absorbent Assemblies and Absorbent Articles Comprising the Same

INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT

Commissioner for Patents

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Dear Sir:

Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.56, 1.97 and 1.98, record is being made on the attached Form PTO/SB08 of documents which the Patent Office may wish to consider in connection with examination of the above-identified patent application. It is respectfully requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and made of record in this case. As provided in §1.97(g), no representation is made or intended that a thorough art search was made. As provided in 37 C.F.R. §1.97(h), this Information Disclosure Statement does not constitute an admission of any kind, and specifically is not an admission that the documents listed on attached form PTO/SB08 are, or are considered to be, material to the patentability of the above-identified patent application, as defined in 37 C.F.R. §1.56(b).

1. [X] 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1) - U.S. Direct (use when filing IDS with nonprovisional patent application, or with Request for Continued Examination (RCE); or within 3 months of filing a nonprovisional patent application)

This information disclosure statement, submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(1), is being filed with the patent application, with a Request for Continued Examination or within three months of the filing date of a national application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due.

2. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3) - (use when filing IDS more than 3 months after filing a nonprovisional patent application, but prior to receipt of first Office Action)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(3). Applicants have not received an Office Action on the merits in the present application. Therefore, no fee is believed to be due. However, in the event that this paper is crossing in the mail with a first Office Action on the merits, authorization is hereby given to charge the required fee pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) and 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account No. 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate of this letter (or a fee transmittal form) is enclosed to facilitate charging of the fee, if necessary.

3. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97(b)(4) - (use when filing IDS prior to receipt of first Office Action after the filing of a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under §1.114)

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4. [] 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c) with fee payment - (use when filing IDS after receipt of first Office Action, and before receipt of Final Office Action, Notice of Allowance, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution)

This information disclosure statement is being submitted under 37 C.F.R. §1.97(c). Applicant(s) have not received a final action under 37 C.F.R. §1.113, a notice of allowance under 37 C.F.R. §1.311, or an action that otherwise closes prosecution in the application (e.g., *Ex parte Quayle*) as of the date of this submission. Applicant(s) elect to pay the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p). Please charge the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. §1.17(p) to Deposit Account Number 16-2480 in the name of The Procter & Gamble Company. A duplicate copy of this letter (or a fee transmittal form) is enclosed to facilitate the charging of the fee.

5. [] <u>Information to be Considered with Continued Prosecution Application</u>
(CPA) Filing (use when filing IDS with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) for <u>Design Case</u>). This information disclosure statement is being filed with a Continued Prosecution Application (CPA) filed under 37 C.F.R. 1.53(d).

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[] (1)	(For use with applications filed prior to or on June 30, 2003.) Copies of the
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[X]	(2) (For use with applications filed after June 30, 2003.) In accordance with
37 C.F.R. §	31.98(a)(2), Applicants are submitting copies of foreign patent documents and non-
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[] (3)	All of the cited references were previously cited by or submitted to the USPTO in
prior applic	cation Case No, U.S. Patent Application Serial No, filed Applicants
	ity to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly, copies of previously
submitted re	eferences are not provided with this Statement, pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(d). It is
respectfully	requested that the cited documents be carefully considered by the Examiner and
made of rec	ord in this case.
	OR
[] (4)	Copies of all said documents, except Cite Numbers, were submitted
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·	Applicant(s) claim priority to said application under 35 U.S.C. §120. Accordingly,
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(5)	Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. §1.98(c), a concise explanation of the relevance of each cited
reference th	at is not in the English language is provided.
[] (6)	Applicants also respectfully request the Examiner to consider and make of record
 the co-pend	ing applications listed on the attached page.
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